

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

At page 1, before the title, delete the heading as follows:

--DESCRIPTION--.

Rewrite the title as follows:

--WELDING TONGS WITH SELF-SUPPORTING SLIDING HOUSING--.

Before the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 1, insert the following heading:

--FIELD OF THE INVENTION--.

Before the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 7, insert the following heading:

--BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION--.

Before the paragraph beginning at page 2, line 4, insert the following heading:

--SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION--.

Replace the paragraph beginning at page 2, line 9, with the following rewritten paragraph:

--This object is solved ~~in conjunction with the features of the generic term of Claim 1~~ in that the welding tongs comprise an, in particular, self-supporting movable housing, which can be displaced along the drive housing, and which comprises a retaining device that supports the first welding tong limb outside of the drive housing.--

Before the paragraph beginning at page 8, line 21, insert the following heading:

--BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS--.

Before the paragraph beginning at page 8, line 36,
insert the following heading:

--DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF EMBODIMENTS--.